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Dear Examiner Eastwood,

Thank you for speaking with me this morning about scheduling an examiner interview to discuss the above application. Per our discussion, I am attaching a set of proposed discussion points, and a set of proposed claim amendments. The proposed amendments are intended for discussion purposes and are not to be formally entered into the application file as new claims. We welcome any recommendations you may suggest in order to advance the status of the application.

I look forward to speaking with you on February 11, 2010 about the application. In the meantime, please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Discussion points for telephone interview- Feb. 11, 2010

- 1- Prior art document US 5,976,157 to Yiu
 - a. Structural features of Yiu
 - 1. Outer discs and internal discs have different structures.
 - 2. One depilating unit contains three separate elements.
 - 3. Pinchers are located on portions of U-shaped portions of internal discs and not on pinching portion of internal discs.
 - 4. Only internal discs have pinchers- outer discs do not have pinchers.
 - 5. Support portion of internal disc cannot provide clamping force on clipping portion of disc.
- 2- Applicant's invention
 - a. Structural features of Applicant's invention
 - 1. Identical single-pieces without interposing elements.
 - 2. One depilating unit contains two elements.
 - 3. Pinchers (support portions) located on each arm.
 - 4. Support portion of discs provides clamping force in association with discs.
- 3- Outstanding rejection; and differences between Applicant's invention and Yiu
- 4- Proposed claim amendments (see page 2)
- 5- Conclusion

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Proposed claim amendments for appln, serial no. 10/573,099

- 1. (Currently amended) An electrical depilator, comprising substantially a main body, a motor, a reduction gear set, an arcuate shaft and a set of identical unitary single-pieces, said arcuate shaft being supported on a shaft seat of the main body, a first stage gear of said reduction gear set being meshed with a driving wheel of said motor, a last stage gear being fixed on the single-piece which is located at the endmost position, each single-piece having at least one arm, each of the arms having a clipping surface and a supporting portion provided at a surface of the arm opposite to the clipping surface, the whole set of single-pieces being arranged in such a manner that the clipping surfaces are directly opposite to each other, a clipping gap being formed between opposite surfaces of the arms of two single-pieces, said whole set of single-pieces being coupled together by fixing members so as to rotate synchronously, and said whole set of single-pieces being fitted over the arcuate shaft all together without additional elements inserted between any of the single-pieces in the set.
- 2. (Original) The electrical depilator according to claim 1, wherein: the fixing members are shifting yokes which are formed on both sides of each single-piece, and one shifting yoke on a single-piece is inserted into and locked with another shifting yoke on an adjacent single-piece so that the whole set of single-pieces are coupled together and rotated synchronously.
- 3. (Original) The electrical depilator according to claim 1, wherein:
 the fixing members are fork bodies which are provided with shaft holes at centers thereof corresponding to the position of the arcuate shaft, each single-piece is provided at both sides with fork shaped slots, and both sides of each fork body are inserted into and locked with two fork shaped slots of two adjacent single-pieces, thereby the whole set of single-pieces are coupled together and rotated synchronously.
- 4. (Cancelled)

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- 5. (Original) The electrical depilator according to claim 1, wherein: the fixing members are bearing housings, and the whole set of single-pieces are coupled together by the bearing housings so as to rotate synchronously.
- 6. (Original) The electrical depilator according to claim 1, wherein: the fixing members are shaft pins, and the whole set of single-pieces are coupled together by the shaft pins so as to rotate synchronously.